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For: USE OF A MIXTURE FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF AN AGENT FOR  
TREATING DEFECTIVE OR  
DEGENERATED CARTILAGE IN  
THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL  
CARTILAGE REPLACEMENT *IN*  
*VITRO*

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.